

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/731,998	PETROWSKI ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	Art Unit
	William C Doerrler	3744

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the 12-10-2003 application and the enclosed examiner's amendment.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13.
3.  The drawings filed on 10 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 12-10-03
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Willard Jones on 4-13-2005.

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 1 lines 3,5 (first occurrence),8,10,12 (both occurrences), 13 and 14, following "gas" add --stream--.

In claim 1 line 12, before "at a first pressure" add, --received by the first compressor--.

In claim 1 line 12, before "at a second pressure" add, --received by the second compressor--.

In claim 1 line 13, before "at a third pressure" add, --received by the second compressor--.

In claim 1 line 14, before "at a fourth pressure" add, --received by the first compressor--.

In claim 3 lines 2,4(first occurrence),7,9 (first occurrence), 14 (both occurrences), 15 and 16, following "gas", add --stream--.

In claim 3 line 14, before "at a first pressure" add, --received by the first compressor--.

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In claim 3 line 14, before "at a second pressure" add, --received by the second compressor--.

In claim 3 line 15, before "at a third pressure" add, --received by the second compressor--.

In claim 3 line 16, before "at a fourth pressure" add, --received by the first compressor--.

In claim 4, line 1, change "gases" to --gas streams--.

In claim 5, line 7, 8, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 37, 47, 57 and 64, after "gas", add -- stream--.

In claim 5 line 20, before "at a first pressure" add, --received by the first compressor--.

In claim 5 line 21, before "at a second pressure" add, --received by the second compressor--.

In claim 5 line 22, before "at a third pressure" add, --received by the second compressor--.

In claim 5 line 23, before "at a fourth pressure" add, --received by the first compressor--.

In claim 8, lines 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 36, 45, 54 and 60 after "gas", add -- stream--.

In claim 8 line 18, before "at a first pressure" add, --received by the first compressor--.

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In claim 8 line 19, before "at a second pressure" add, --received by the second compressor--.

In claim 8 line 20, before "at a third pressure" add, --received by the second compressor--.

In claim 8 line 21, before "at a fourth pressure" add, --received by the first compressor--.

In claim 10, line 1, change "Claim 8" to --Claim 9--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C Doerrler whose telephone number is (571) 272-4807. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Esquivel can be reached on (571) 272-4808. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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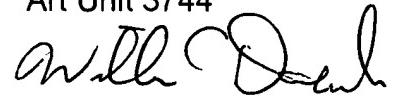
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